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To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Society of* Grub-ſtreet.

SIR,

THE numerous inſtances you have given in many *Journals*, of the extreme ignorance and ſtupidity by which thoſe are diſtinguiſhed, who are profeſſed admirers and diſciples of the famous infidel TINDAL lately deceaſed, have long raiſed within me a doubtful ſtruggle between indignation and contempt. For my own part, I never read any of their traſh, (except that which I am going to mention) any otherwiſe than as quoted by you. Who, beſides numberleſs examples of nonſenſe, falſe Engliſh, falſe quantity in Latin verſe, &c. have, I verily believe, produced at leaſt a hundred of as groſs falſe Latins in their (by themſelves) admir'd compoſitions, as ever any ſchool-boy in *Ovid de Triſtibus* was flogged for: and tho' we cannot give them *that* ſort of correction (which yet they richly deſerve) they ought to be *ſcourged* ſome *other way*; and *ſhall* be ſo accordingly.

They pretend to be deep *philoſophers* forſooth; when they are utterly *illiterate*, and all their noveliſms, and crude reaſonings are contrary to *common ſenſe*. — To be men of *genius*, and *fine taſte*, *Poets*, *Critics*, and ſo forth; when 'tis *certain* they can't *make*, and (*for aught appears*) can't *conſtrue* a piece of plain Latin. Theſe are the redoubted GOLIAH's, *who defy the armies of the living God:* theſe are the champions, who are to ſubdue and overthrow the Chriſtian religion; which is eſtabliſhed upon unconteſtible evidence, and has a thouſand times been prov'd to a demonſtration, by the greateſt, the moſt ingenious, and the moſt learned men that ever lived. There are many *real* Philoſophers, Poets, and Critics, among the Chriſtians; but not one among the Infidels. For proof of this (ſince the nature of the thing admits of no other) *we* appeal to the whole world; and *they* are at liberty to make the ſame appeal for proof of the contrary.

When I ſpeak of the learned and ingenious defenders of Chriſtianity, I do not mean the clergy only; tho' them chiefly. To omit very many other lay-gentlemen, who have appeared in the ſame cauſe; the ridiculous witlings of the BEE, and ſuch like, pretend, I am told, to have a mighty veneration for ADDISON and LOCKE. They were *great men* indeed: they were *truly* Philoſophers; and one of them a moſt excellent *Poet*, as well as a *Philoſopher*. But were they *Infidels?* The former has left behind him a demonſtration of the truth of Chriſtianity. [By the way, Why does not his friend and admirer, E. BUDGELL, Eſq; anſwer him?] The latter in many parts of his works declares for the truth and neceſſity of reveal'd religion; ſtudied, and commented upon the holy Scriptures; and ſeemed to reliſh no other writings in compariſon of them. Is every little ſmatterer to be ſet in competition with ſuch as theſe; only becauſe he is a *modern Heathen*, and an apoſtate from Chriſtianity? And muſt we be bantered out of *our ſenſes* by a confident crack-brain'd coxcomb, who (if he ever had any) has long ſince loſt *his own?* This, I know, will be called *railing*. —— The only anſwer of every *Ignoramus* who has nothing elſe to ſay. But is it railing to expoſe, as he deſerves to be expoſed and chaſtiſed with the utmoſt ſeverity, a wretch who takes upon him to contradict the firſt principles of reaſon and religion; makes it his ſtudy to damn ſouls; and is (to the beſt of his little underſtanding) a common enemy to mankind?

What led me into theſe thoughts, was the peruſal of a pamphlet, lately put into my hands by a friend, and the only one of the kind I ever ſaw, called *The Bee*, *Numb.* cxviii. the laſt, it ſeems, of *this ſummer*; and, I am apt to think, the laſt *of all*. As far as I can perceive, the *News*, the extracts from *Political Party-papers* on both ſides, &c. are deſigned only as a vehicle to circulate the ſtupid infidelity and atheiſm tacked to them. The *Preface*, the *Philoſopher's Prayer*, the *Introduction to it*, and the *Poſtſcript* after it, are the curioſities I intend to animadvert upon.

In his *Preface*, he ſets himſelf out as a perſon of great importance: *This Work* † *is now brought to the concluſion of the ninth volume.* A collection of news, and extracts from other Weekly-papers, of Epigrams, and ſuch like little things, ſome in verſe, ſome in proſe, ſome good, more bad, moſt of them likewiſe taken from other Papers, and all added to the trumpery of his own illiterate atheiſtical fraternity, is a famous WORK indeed; and POSTERITY, * no doubt, muſt *ſet* an extraordinary *value upon it. If I enjoy a tolerable degree of health*, ſays he, *I ſhall employ three or four months upon ſome* other things, *which I am ſure the publick expects from me* ‖ Mighty ſolemn! And what is it that the publick thus expects from this publick-ſpirited perſon, for the benefit of mankind in general, and the benefit and honour of *Great Britain* in particular? Why, the publication of the ſecond part of TINDAL's *Chriſtianity as old as the Creation*: that is, the *ſecond part* of a heap of fallacious reaſonings, falſe quotations, miſrepreſentations, and lies, tending to the propagation of Atheiſm, and to make men miſerable in this world, and in the next. *The publick* indeed has *long expected* it; and I, among the reſt, have a great curioſity to ſee it. No doubt, the *ſecond part* will enlighten us, as much as the firſt has done. I ſuppoſe it was in the Doctor's *Will*, that his *Executor* ſhould publiſh this Second: but was it not his *Will* too, that he ſhould defend the Firſt? That he ſhould reply to the Anſwers of CONYBEARE, WATERLAND, COCKMAN, FELTON, and others, who have expoſed it to the ſcorn and contempt of mankind? This too the publick expects: but I believe it may wait long enough before its expectations are anſwer'd.

Towards the end of this Collection, *The Authors of the* BEE tell *the publick*, that *they ſhall not conclude, as uſual, with Copies of Verſes, and Epigrams; but with a piece of a much more ſerious nature.* Whatever the Copies of Verſes and Epigrams might have been, they could not have been more *ridiculous* than this *ſerious piece*. They *conceive we may not improperly call it* THE PRAYER OF A PHILOSOPHER. A *Philoſopher*; i. e. an unlettered Infidel, who knows nothing of Philoſophy. They ſay, *Religious controverſies are in their own nature incapable of demonſtration.* To talk of a *controverſy's* being either *capable*, or *incapable* of *demonſtration*, is not ſenſe in the terms. A *point in controverſy* I ſuppoſe they meant: but Philoſophers ſhould ſpeak more accurately. But why *demonſtration?* Can nothing be *true*, but what is *demonſtrable?* Or, *can* they, in truth, demonſtrate *any thing? Others* I confeſs may; but *they* can't. But *demonſtration* is a great word, and ſounds well. The Chriſtian religion, however, is capable of demonſtration; and has been often demonſtrated. Not mathematically, I confeſs: but whether theſe Philoſophers know it, or no, there is other demonſtration, beſides mathematical. Can they, *any way*, *demonſtrate* the Chriſtian religion to be *falſe?* If they can; let us hear them: I am ſure they have never attempted it yet. Sir ISAAC NEWTON, and Dr. KEILL, told the Club of Unbelievers, at the *Grecian* Coffee-houſe (as Sir ISAAC and the Doctor with their own mouths told me) that the truth of Chriſtianity is demonſtrable: yet they were both mathematicians; and not *Parſons* neither, but mere *Laymen*. Tho' there have been *Parſons*, who have been *mathematicians* likewiſe.

[*To be continued.*]

* Pag. 5. ‖ Pag. 3, 4.

† Pag. 3.

SIR, *Aug.* 21, 1735.

ABOUT the middle of the laſt month, I ſent you ſome ſtrictures upon the Latin tranſlation of a Poem intitled STANISLAUS, publiſhed twice by the Editor of the BEE; and, tho' full of falſe Latin and falſe quantities, recommended by him as an extraordinary performance. The ſame gentleman, in conjunction with his learned fraternity, made a public *Propoſal* in the 32d BEE, of prizes to be given 'to thoſe who ſhould ſend them the 'beſt *Copies of Verſes* in *Latin* or *Engliſh*, upon the death 'or in honour to the memory of the late learned Doctor 'TINDALL. Their chief deſign in which affair, as they 'tell us, was, to expreſs their gratitude for his *noble ge-* '*neroſity* in ſupporting their pamphlet, and to do honour 'to his memory': tho' the world generally thought it was onely in order to *ſupport* a piratical collection of pieces from the Weekly Papers, by giving occaſion for continual puffs about the *great talents* of *Doctor* TINDALL and *Squire* BUDGELL. In conſequence of this Propoſal, *The Society of Gentlemen*, as they ſtiled themſelves, informed the Public in the 55th BEE, that they had 'received *a great number*, *a great many*, *a multitude of* '*Copies of Verſes*; but were ſorry to ſay, that they 'could pick out but a very ſmall number, but eight or 'nine, which they thought deſerv'd to be printed. For 'in ſome, the *ſenſe* indeed was good; but then the authors ſeem'd to have quite forgot they were writing 'poetry. In others, (which was much worſe) a *ſmooth* '*verſification* and *good rhimes* had juſt ſerved to *guild* 'over a few *childiſh ſentiments*'. On this occaſion, they pathetically lamented *the decay of learning from the little encouragement it met with*; and then proceeded to lay before the public *ſuch Copies as they conceived did a real honour to the memory of the Doctor.* This lamentation for the *decay of learning*, and particularly of *poetry*, among Infidels, was matter of great diverſion to Believers; eſpecially being accompanied with a demonſtration of the truth of it, in thoſe very *Copies of Verſes* which this learned Society publiſhed as *doing real honour to the Doctor's memory*. Theſe gentlemen had juſtly obſerved, 'That bad *poetry*, though it be deſigned as a *panegyrick*, 'is indeed a ſort of *lampoon* upon that perſon whom it 'pretends to celebrate'. From whence I infer, that they have *lampooned* the Doctor in the moſt flagrant manner; and do aſſert, that, for the number of lines, there never was ſuch a collection of ſtupidity publiſhed upon the death of any one man.

In your 225th and 226th *Journals*, you preſented us, Mr BAVIUS, with a tranſlation by Mr MAEVIUS of one of the *Latin Odes*, to which the *gold medal* was adjudged; to which were ſubjoined critical notes upon every ſtanza by ſeveral of the members of your ſociety: and at the ſame time gave us hopes of ſeeing *the beauties of the reſt of thoſe performances ſet in a true light*, after the ſame manner. The execution of that deſign was no doubt delayed upon good reaſons: however, in order to put you in mind of your promiſe, I here ſend you a *tranſlation*, with ſhort *notes* upon one of theſe *Copies* for the prize, publiſhed in the BEE *Numb.* LV. *pag.* 91, 92. and uſhered in by the following *Introduction.*

'In order to underſtand the following *Copy of ver-* '*ſes*, it is neceſſary the readers ſhould know, that in the 'reign of HARRY the 8th, there was one Mr. WILL. 'TINDALL, a very good ſcholar, and one of the moſt 'eminent Proteſtants of his time. This gentleman tranſlated the *New Teſtament* into Engliſh about the year '1525. He afterwards tranſlated the five books of Moſes, and wrote a *Preface* before each book, wherein he 'expoſed Popery in a very ſatirical manner. Laſtly, with 'the aſſiſtance of Mr. MILES COVERDALE, he finiſhed 'the firſt Engliſh tranſlation of the whole *Bible*. This 'tranſlation has been once or twice revived, and is called 'in our *Common-prayer Book*, *The Great Engliſh Bible*, 'out of which the *Pſalms* read in our churches are taken. 'The Popiſh clergy were ſo enraged at what Mr. TIN-'DALL had done, that they made England too hot to 'hold him, and tho' he fled into Flanders, they got him 'apprehended for a Heretick. It is probable enough 'that this gentleman was of the ſame family with the 'late Doctor TINDALL. The following lines make a 'ſort of compariſon between theſe two eminent men, 'but prefer our own contemporary infinitely before 'his predeceſſor and nameſake.

Quid prodiens non efficiet *dies?*
Ætas parentum ſedula nos *tulit*
Prudentiores, *mox daturos*
Progeniem ſapientiorem.

Gloria Tyndalli nullo delebilis ævo
Jam cantanda. Favete omnes Heliconis Alumnæ,
Perdignus vobis bene qui celebretur ab ipſis.
Non volo quem proavi præclaris laudibus ornant,
Hunc verum ingentem quem præſens viderit ætas.
Dignus & ille fuit ſed multo dignior hic eſt.
Vana ſuperſtitio, quam mens ditionis avara
Legibus impoſuit Chriſti, deleta per illum;
Hic leges ipſas prudens abolevit inanes;
Credere latorem truſtra eſt ex æthere miſſum.
Ille indignatus Papæ ditione teneri,
Excutit ingratum pondus; ſed judice noſtro
Non huic non cuiquam ſubjectus vivere debet
Magnæ mentis homo. Non Jôvæ filius, ipſe
Æquipotens Jô æ ſit princeps noſter habendus.
Ille fidem Romæ deſtruxit, noſter at omnem.
Ille removit onus, quod centum luſtra valebat;
Hic quod regi âflet lex millibus haud minus annis.
Libertas! qualem nullus promittere poſſet.

Is timidus medicas exercet inaniter artes,
Nititur insanus cute falsa obducere vulnus,
Jam jam prorumpens in non medicabile Cancer.
Præsens ignotus dolor est, non causa doloris.
Artis Apollineæ bene doctus noster ad imum
Vulneris immittit cultrum, prope cuncta sanare
Consuetum: & quibus est data copia nulla medendi,
Cædendi tamen est & ubique occidere possit.

The author of the preceding Copy of verses *sent no fictitious name with them, nor any* Motto, *but what is prefixed before them. We could wish he had not pushed things so far.*

In ENGLISH.

What will not the forth-coming day effect?
Our parents careful age has brought us forth
More prudent, soon about to give
A progeny yet wiser far.

Great TYNDALL's glory, which no age can blot,
Must now be sung. Ye Heliconian maids
All grant your favour: very worthy He
To be well celebrated by your selves.
I mean not Him, whom our great grand-sires deck
With noble praises; but this *great* vast man,
Whom *wond'ring much* the present age has seen.
Worthy indeed was That, but This much worthier.
Vain Superstition, which the mind, *too* greedy
Of pow'r *despotic*, on CHRIST's Laws impos'd,
By Him was blotted out: but This *great man*,
Prudent, abolish'd those vain Laws themselves.
Vain, to believe the Giver sent from heaven!
The first disdaining to the Pope's *hard* power
Subject to lie, shook off th' ungrateful weight:
But in th' opinion of *the last*, our judge,
Man with great mind, and *talents great*, endow'd,
To Pope, nor any one, should subject live.
Let not the Son of God, *that Son* himself
Equal in pow'r to God, our prince be deem'd.
The First Rome's Faith destroy'd; our *Hero*, all.
The load, which had prevail'd five hundred years,
The One remov'd: the Other, *greater far*,
That which had reigned not less than six thousand.
Brave Liberty! which none before could promise.
He timorous exercises healing arts
In vain, and madly with false skin endeavours
To cover up the wound, just breaking forth
In *mortal* cancer never to be cur'd.
The present pain was mov'd, but not the cause.
Our Doctor, in Apollo's art well skill'd,
Down to the bottom of the wound thrusts deep
His knife: wont almost every thing to cure:
And where's no pow'r of curing, yet there's still
Of cutting, and he every where can kill.

1. *Oevo.*] And *æthere* in the 10th line: neither of which words either Poet, or Editor, probably, knew how to spell. The *Ode* to which the *gold medal* was given begins, *Primæva virtus.*

4. *Non volo.*] It would have puzzled the poet's brains more, I suppose, to have put in *Nolo.*

7. *Vana superstitio, quam mens ditionis avara*
Legibus imposuit Christi.

How did this *mens ditionis avara* impose superstition *on the Laws* of Christ? What! did it make those *Laws* themselves *superstitious?* One would imagine, that it should rather have been *Mentibus imposuit populi.* But this would have spoil'd the blasphemous *antithesis* in the next line.

Hic leges ipsas prudens abolevit inanes.

10 *Credere latorem frustra est ex æthere missum.*] *Frustra est credere*, for *it is in vain to believe*, I take to be false Latin. *Frustra est* signifies properly *frustratur, fallitur, errat*; and requires *credens*, or *qui credit*, instead of *credere.*

12 ——— ——— *sed judice nostro*
Non huic non cuiquam subjectus vivere debet
Magnæ mentis homo.

Being uncertain, whether by *magnæ mentis homo* was meant mankind in general, or only men of GREAT TALENTS, like our Poet and our Editor, in order to be right, I have inserted both senses in my translation.

14. ——— ——— *Non Jovæ filius, ipse*
Æquipotens Jovæ sit princeps noster habendus.

This is formally to renounce, to ridicule, and to *tread under foot the Son of God.*

15. *Ille fidem Romæ destruxit, noster at omnem.*

After this impudent lying boast of the effect of TINDALL's writeings, his disciples will, I hope, no longer reject the appellation of *Infidels.*

16. *Ille removit onus, quod centum lustra valebat;*
Hic quod regnâsset sex millibus haud minus annis.

Onus, quod valebat, quod regnâsset: admirable elegance!

4. —— ——— *prope cuncta sanare.*

The Poet, by making *sa* in *sanare* short, at so small a distance from the 2ist line, where he had made use of the word *insanus*, seems to have been a little *insanus* himself; and *to have quite forgot that he was writing poetry:* which these lines certainly are not, and scarce deserve the name of *prose on horse-back.* The stupidity will probably prevent any infection from the blasphemy: in which if the Editor *could wish that the Author had not pushed things so far*, why did he himself *push them farther*, by publishing such wretched stuff without any other animadversion?

I am, Sir, your humble servant,
ORTHODOXUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Post-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Post.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiser.*
LP. *London Daily Post.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Post.*
LE. *London Evening Post.*

THURSDAY, *Aug.* 21. Some time since, as some labourers were cleaning a fish-pond belonging to a gentleman at Hemsted in Hertfordshire, they found a bottle of sack cover'd over with mud a yard thick, which proved very good, and by an inscription wrote with a diamond, appear'd to have been there 76 years; the inscription was, *New Canary put in to see how long keep good, April, 1659, Ri. Combe.* The mouth of the bottle was wax'd over, but the cork was almost decay'd. *DA.*

John Cutt, a running footman belonging to a nobleman, ran on monday night last from Grosvenor-square, to the Lower flask at Hampstead six times for 30 guineas: the wager was to go six times in 11 hours, but he did it in 10 hours 17 minutes. *P.*

Last week Mr. Joshua Ward discharged out of his hospital at Pimlico 4 persons, whom he had received out of other hospitals as incurables, they being perfectly recovered. *LP.* ——— *Till we know the names of these* 4 persons, *and where to find them, we shall look upon this to be as mere* a puff, *as the following.* —— On saturday a handsome present of a large Bible, Common-prayer-book, and Whole Duty of Man, were sent to Mr. Ward's Hospital, for the use of the patients, by an unknown hand, &c. *DA.* 19. —*This* puff *is ingeniously tacked to one like the former by my brother* Fog, *in the following manner*, This seems, indeed, to be *a very proper present* for *every* hospital, and if Mr. Ward has not more use for it than other hospitals, he will deserve the thanks of the publick, because he takes in, we are told, several persons who have been turned out of others, as *incurable.* Fog. *Aug* 23. ——— *And* turns them out *so too: which we hear was lately the case of* two persons, *who died soon after their return to the parish work-houses. My* brother's paragraph *seems to bear some affinity to his* name.

Died yesterday morning of the wound he received on friday by 3 foot-pads, Mr. Rob. Rogerson, a pawn-broker. *P.*

Yesterday morning at 4, Mrs. Williams, relict of an eminent corn-dealer in the Borough, fell down stairs, broke her neck, and her right arm, and died about 10. *P.*

FRIDAY, *Aug.* 22. Yesterday being the birth-day of his most serene Highness the prince of Orange, born Aug. 21, 1711, her majesty, &c. received the compliments of the nobility, &c. the same day of the month in 1715, died Lewis XIV. born Aug. 26, 1638, the same day of the month that gave birth also to the right hon. Sir Rob. Walpole. *G.*

The same day, Macray, James, and Emmerson in a cart, and Sellon in a coach, attended by two clergymen and a friend, were carried to Kennington-common and executed about 3 o' clock: Macray was chained to the side of the cart, guarded by a serjeant and 20 soldiers: Macray's and Sellon's bodies were delivered to their friends, and the other two brought back to the New goal, in order to their being hung in chains: they did not show that sorrow and contrition as might have been expected. *LP.* —— They all behav'd with seeming penitence; and were executed about 2. *DP.* —— Very penitent, and, 'tis say'd, own'd the fact for which they suffer'd. *DA.* —— Macray behav'd very obstinately. *G.* — And signified to the spectators that he made no confession. *DJ.*

Married on wednesday at S. James's church, John Newbury, of Framlingham in Suffolk, Esq; a gentleman of 3000 l. per ann. to Miss Rose Spicer, a beautiful young lady, and a fortune of 20,000 l. *P.* —Yesterday, at the Quakers meeting-house near Devonshire-square, Mr. Anth. Henderson to Miss Warner. *DA.* —— John Wiggan of Bedford, Esq; to Miss Pearson, a fortune of 10,000 l. *G.*

Died last sunday at Mortlack, Tho. Longbey, Esq; — At Charlton, Will. Heath, Esq; worth 2000 l. per ann. *G.*

Yesterday morning as two boats were coming from Gravesend under full sail, one of them, by a sudden squall of wind, ran foul of the other, and overset her; by which two women and a child were drowned. ——— *Deal, Aug.* 20. Last night, Mr. Denn, a shop-keeper, telling his money after candle light, a spark fell into some gun-powder and blew up the house: his own bowels were blown out of his body. Two children are yet missing, and his wife had her leg broke. *P*

SATURDAY, *Aug.* 23. We hear that his majesty will not return from his German dominions till the middle of October. *DJ.* —— The time for his departure is not fixed. *DA.* —— Orders are given for her majesty's cloaths to be made for the wedding of his royal highness the Prince. ——— And the lord Harrington's house near St. James's park is to be fitted up for the reception of his intended consort. *LP.*

On thursday Mrs. Nunez, a Jew (relict of the Rabbi burnt in Barbary, for speaking to Muley Abdallah, the late Emperor of Morocco, to release the English subjects) waited on her majesty for the pension of 200 l. per ann. her majesty was pleased to settle on her last week *P.*— *She seems to have* waited upon her majesty *too soon.*

Yesterday the ancient company of Archers of this city had a grand entertainment at the Py'd horse at the Artillery-ground, after which they performed their exercise with bows and arrows. This company is of several hundred years standing, and us'd formerly to muster at this time of the year as our train'd-bands do; till some time after the invention of fire-arms, the city voted them useless; but they have ever since kept up the company and their annual meeting, having a marshal handsomely equipp'd in a green livery, with a large silver badge attending them. *LP.*

Last thursday Turpin and Rowden were seen two hours at a publick-house in White-chapel; but they perceiving a constable coming, took their horses and went away without paying their reckoning, which they sent yesterday by a penny-post letter. *P.* —— *They were so punctual, I suppose, in* sending their reckoning, *because their* land-lord *was as* honest *as* themselves

Married yesterday Ric. Wynn, of Westbury in Wiltshire, Esq; to Miss Campbell, a fortune of 12 000 l. *G.*

Died last tuesday at Lothbury in Leicestershire, —— Brigham, of Nottingham, Esq; *G.*

Last thursday a boat was overset by a sudden squall of wind in Chelsea-reach, and a woman drowned. *G.*——
—— Yesterday another opposite to Peterborough-house, and a man and two women were drowned. *DJ.*

MONDAY, *Aug.* 25. Yesterday the rev. Dr. Hargrave preach'd before her majesty, &c. at Kensington. ——— And the rev. Dr. Waterland before his highness the Duke, &c. *P.*

His grace the duke of Montagu has appointed Capt. Cokayne to be secretary of the most hon. order of the Bath, in the room of the hon. Edw. Montagu, Esq; who has resign'd. *DA. LP.*

On saturday the right hon. the lord mayor,
With the usual state proclaimed Bartholomew-fair. *DJ. G.*
The same day the right hon. the lord Lovelace arrived from off his travels. *DJ.*

The persons in custody, on suspicion of perjury at Macray's trial, will be prosecuted at the expence of the crown. *LP.*

We hear the walking Taylor came in the 3d time on saturday night about 9, but declined going the 4th and last time, saying it was impossible he should perform it before 12. Some people affirmed that he had been 4 times that day; so that the affair is like to terminate in law. *DP.* ——— He walk'd but 3 times that day. *DA. LP.* —— He won the wager, as we are assured by some gentlemen who saw him set out at 2 that morning: the wager was for 15 guineas, but the money he receiv'd by the gentleman who laid on his side, amounted to about 100 l. *P.* —— *This is a sort of riddle.* ——— He came in the last time about 9: 'tis said the bets amounted to upwards of 1000 l. *DJ.*—We hear the gentleman for whom he performed the wager gave him 30 guineas, and settled a pension on him for life. *G.* —— He is at the New Bagnio in Spring-garden, in such a condition, that he can scarce stand. *LP.* 26.

On saturday morning the wind blew down several trees in S. James's-park, near Rosamond's pond, as likewise the great gates at the top of Constitution-hill. *DP.* —— Yesterday morning between 7 and 8, a short hurricane blew down 2 trees in S. James's park, &c. *LP.* —— Near 50 sail of ships were driven from their anchors in the river. *DA.*

Last week was play'd at Seven-oak in Kent, a great cricket match between the Earl of Middlesex, the Lord John Sackville, and 9 gentlemen of Kent, and Sir Will. Gage, and 10 gentlemen of Sussex, when the Kentish gentlemen beat: the week before, on the Downes near Lewes, the Sussex gentlemen beat. *LP.*

On saturday James and Emerson were hanged in chains on Kennington-common. *DJ.* —— On the same gibbet whereon the 2 murderers of Mr. Ball had hung. *LP.*

On friday evening about 6, four smugglers coming to Town with a large quantity of tea, were met at Lewisham by some custom-house officers, and two files of mus-

queteers. The ſmuglers fired firſt, and ſhot one of the horſes in the neck; upon which the others fired, and kill'd two ſmuglers, took another, and the fourth made his eſcape. *LP.* —— On friday, Mr. John Edgell, inſpector of the cuſtoms, with four others guarded by five ſoldiers and a ſerjeant, ſeiz'd 14 bags of tea at S. Mary Cray, [500 weight of tea, ſeiz'd near Chiſlehurſt *DA.* —— Near Lewiſham. *LP.*] with which as they were returning, they were met near Lewiſham church by four ſmuglers armed with blunderbuſſes, &c. who attack'd them &c. *DJ.* —— As three ſmuglers were running goods in a coach, one of them in it, and the two other well mounted on horſeback, and arm'd; ſome cuſtom-houſe officers and dragoons met them on Bromley common, &c. *G.*

Tueſday the lord Weymouth's Cheſnut mare, won the King's plate at Woolley Downs near Wincheſter. *DA.*

Died on friday night Rob Toffey, of Eſſex, Eſq; in his 76th year, poſſeſs'd of 5000 *l.* per ann. *DP.* —— On ſaturday of an apoplectic fit. *P.*

On friday night, a boat was overſet near Chelſea, by a country barge, and a man and his wife were drowned. —— Another boat, under ſail, from Graveſend, overſet near the Hermitage-ſtairs: a girl about 6 years old was drowned. —— On ſaturday another near Weſtminſter by which a waterman and a boy were drowned. *P.*

TUESDAY *Aug.* 26. A few days ago the rev. Mr. Phil Eyre, fellow of New college in Oxford, was inſtalled a prebendary of Ulverton, in the cathedral church of Litchfield. *G.*

It is ſaid that the ſeazures made laſt week by the cuſtom-houſe officers, amount to more than 1000 *l.* — On ſaturday they made a ſeizure of about 70 pieces of fine Bruſſels lace, which they found concealed under a woman's petticoats at Deptford. *P.*

Yeſterday her grace the dutcheſs of Newcaſtle relapſed, and lay very ill at Claremount in Surry. *G.*

Laſt friday Mr Tooting's horſe won the Ladies plate of 80 guineas at Oxford. *LP.*

They write from Wallingford in Berkſhire, that on wedneſday morning a fire broke out at Mr. Maxey's a joyner, and was wilfully caus'd by his own brother, who is committed to goal: the inhabitants diſcovered that there was a deſign to ſet the town on fire in 4 places, and that the ſuckers of all the pumps were pulled out. *LP.*

Briſtol, Aug. 22. On tueſday a merry cauſe was tried between a braſs-founder, plaintiff, and a corn-chandler, defendant, for criminal converſation with the plaintiff's wife; the action was laid for a 1000 *l.* damage, but the jury gave him a verdict for no more than 5 *l. DA LP. G.*

Married on ſunday at Chiſwick, Geo. Secker of Norwich, Eſq; to the relict of John Bailey, Eſq; with a fortune of 12,000 *l. P.*

Died laſt week at Eaſtbach-court in Glouceſterſhire, of an apoplectick fit, Rich. Machen, Eſq; *DP. DA.* —— On ſaturday, near Richmond, Cha. Beaufort of Bedfordſhire, Eſq; married 3 weeks ago. *P.*

Laſt ſunday the lord Lempſter, eldeſt ſon of the Earl of Pomfret, a fine youth of about 13 or 14, fell over the rails of the flat over the back cloſet of his father's houſe in Hanover-ſquare into the area, and fractur'd his ſkull, and yeſterday his life was deſpair'd of. *DA G.* —— Got upon one of the croſs bars of the iron rails at the top of the area going down to the kitchen. *G.* —— Yeſterday he was out of danger. *P.* 27.

A houſe near Ratcliff highway was blown down on ſunday, by which a young woman and her husband, newly married, were killed. —— The roof of the houſe of Mr Will. Bell in Horſelydown Back-ſtreet, by which his mother and one of his children were kill'd *P.* —— A boat was overſet in Long-reach, and two men, a woman, and a boy drowned. *DA.*

Laſt tueſday one Carraway, a journeyman ſhoemaker at Briſtol, having ſome words with his wife in bed, he ſuddenly jumped out, went down in the cellar and hanged himſelf in his ſtirrop. He has left the poor woman with 3 children in diſtreſs'd circumſtances. *DA. LP. G.*

WEDNESDAY *Aug.* 27. Her Majeſty has been pleaſed to order a choice collection of Engliſh books to be placed in Merlin's cave, at Richmond, and to appoint the celebrated Mr. Steph. Duck to be cave and library keeper, as alſo his wife to be neceſſary woman thereto. *LP.*

We hear that Cap. Thomſon has brought over from Georgia a treaty of friendſhip and alliance made by King Tomo Chachi, and the reſt of the Indian Chiefs, which is beautifully wrote, on a large buffalo's skin, with the hair on. *DJ.*

Tho. Cheſter loſt his Wager voluntarily, being well enough to go and come back his fourth time: they ſay he was bribed; ſeveral Affidavits have been taken, and as there are abundance of betts, 'tis believed that many Perſons will be obliged to walk to Weſtminſter-hall for their money, and it may be more miles than the taylor did, before they can get it. *P.* —— *The* 2 gentlemen *who* ſaw him ſet out at 2 on ſaturday morning, *as my brother told us* on monday, *are* walk'd off *with the* taylor

Yeſterday the taylor, one of the late Mr. M'Cray's witneſſes, who ſate at Kingſton as counterfeit judge, was committed to the New Jail in Southwark. *G.*

The ſame day a large ſilver eel was caught near London-bridge, ten inches round, and near two yards long *DA.*

Laſt monday Mr. Evan Lloyd, a Welſh drover, had his pocket picked by a woman of the town in a booth at Welſh fair, of 45 *l. LP.*

Married on monday Joſeph Wolſey of Kingſton upon Hull to Miſs Eliz. Cardigan of York, a beautiful young lady of 20,000 *l.* fortune. *P.* — At Windſor, Jacob Wright of Brook-ſtreet Eſq; to Miſs Jenkins, a fortune of 16,000 *l. G.*

Died laſt wedneſday at Bath, Will Hornbey of Taviſtock Eſq; worth 5000 *l.* per ann. *G*

Mr John Billers, a young man ſubject to fitts in Fenchurch-ſtreet fell into the fire and was burnt to death. —— Charles Wadington, five years of age, was yeſterday trod to death in Bartholomew fair. *P.* —— A Weſt country barge was ſunk between Barnes and Hammerſmith, and two men were drowned. *G.*

Mr. Hen. Addenbrooke of Staffordſhire, and Mr. Tho. Pyne, a ſaddler, laid a wager of ten guineas to ride full ſpeed from Kentiſh town to Highgate with their feet upon an unapparelled horſe, but both fell and were very much bruiſed *P.* —— An unapparelled aſs *had been much properer.*

On ſaturday laſt, ſo great a number of perſons attended Dr. Taylor at his houſe in Suffolk-ſtreet, to receive his aſſiſtance for the ſeveral diſorders of ſight, that for want of time, 'twas thought that upwards of 200 of them were oblig'd to go away unreliev'd.

Before this gentleman began his publick operations for the diſorders of ſight, he had the pleaſure to ſhew to a very great number of gentlemen of diſtinction in the profeſſion, the ſucceſs of thoſe perſons he had treated before many of them the preceding week; and it appear'd, that though their number was very conſiderable, there was not one perſon (notwithſtanding the ſhortneſs of the time) but without having ſuffer'd the leaſt pain, had recover'd their perfect ſight, after having been a very long time near, or perfectly blind, and ſome of them even from their infancy.

We alſo hear, that yeſterday morning ſeveral gentlemen had the curioſity to viſit many of thoſe perſons, which this gentleman undertook on ſaturday laſt in their preſence, particularly thoſe who were then perfectly blind, and they had the ſatisfaction to find all of them with their perfect ſight, without having ſuffered a moment's pain, (it being then not 24 hours from the time they were undertaken) Theſe perſons, with many others, being at the houſe adjoining to Dr. Taylor's, a great number of people are there hourly to be convinced of a fact ſo ſingular, and ſo worthy of obſervation.

'Tis obſervable that there are very few, if any, diſeaſes of the eye but this gentleman has a manner of removing peculiar to himſelf, which he not only does with ſucceſs, infinitely more certain than has ever yet been thought of, but in the tenth part of the time; ſeldom or ever requiring more than ſix days for their cure; and very often not ſix hours. A very great variety of inſtances have already appeared ſince his arrival, to the ſatisfaction (at leaſt) of the ſuperior judges in this kingdom, from the daily obſervations of his ſucceſs, as well in his private as publick practice; and he flatters himſelf, that if there are any, who he has not the honour to be particularly known to, remains in doubt, his ſucceſs only in a very few weeks muſt neceſſarily convince them of it.

As the ſpectators of diſtinction on ſaturday laſt on this occaſion were ſo very numerous, that 'twas impoſſible each particular could ſatisfy his curioſity, and as the number of perſons which daily preſent to his care, are ſo very conſiderable; Dr. Taylor has declar'd his intention to treat the ſeveral diſorders of ſight daily, in the preſence of particular gentlemen, and on ſaturday, as propoſed, for the ſatisfaction of the publick; and to make operations of this kind at any time, for to ſatisfy the curioſity of any ſmall number of gentlemen that will favour him with a days notice, he being already furniſh'd with almoſt an infinity of proper ſubjects,

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Mr. GRUB,

I'M a deſpairing lover, and have a mind that my love and untimely end (which I'm reſolv'd on, but not the manner) ſhould be recorded in ballad, that I may be tranſmitted down to poſterity as one of the number of

Youths that dy'd to be by Poets ſung.

I know, that ſuch an accident will ſet the Poets of your Society a writing, and conſequently a ea ing. But I have a mind before my departure, to ſee that juſtice be done my flame; and therefore intreat you to get me a *Song* and an *Epitaph*, compoſ'd by the wits at the PEGASUS. I hereby * propoſe a dozen of beer and a Glouceſterſhire cheeſe for the beſt; a half peck loaf for the 2d; and a pound of beef-ſtakes for the 3d. After which I'll take final leave of you all; but want to be adviſ'd, whether to dye by a *drop* with my Dear's garter about my neck, or a *drop* of the celebrated W——; whether to take a *pill* from him, or from a piſtol; with other difficulties of the like nature: which, if you publiſh this, you are deſired to diſcuſs, and to digeſt this into better ſhape; for I won't trouble myſelf to reviſe the ſtile, or tranſcribe this fair, who am

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FOREIGN NEWS.

FRIDAY, *Aug.* 22. —— *Cologn, Aug.* 23 N. S. Yeſterday at 2 in the morning we felt an earthquake, which laſted near a minute, but without cauſing any damage. *P. DP. G.* —— It was felt at Frankfort, and other places on the Rhine. *DA.* 25.

Warſaw, Aug. 10. The Czarina, in a Declaration concerning the enſuing Diet of pacification, ſays, That ſhe has declared, not only to the maritime, but alſo to all the other powers, that ſhe will never ſuffer King Staniſlaus, her enemy, to mount the throne of Poland, was ſhe to hazard all for it *P DP. DA LP. G.*

The Pope has conſented to confer the archbiſhoprick of Toledo upon Don Lewis, infante of Spain, with all the arrears, amounting to 50,000 *l.* His highneſs is to have under him four biſhops annulers. *P.* He is about 8 years of age. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Aug.* 23. Prince William of Heſſe Caſſel is returned to Hanover, and is perpetually with his majeſty. He is the greateſt favourite the King ever had. *DA.*

MONDAY, *Aug.* 25. —— *Stockholm, Aug.* 16 N. S. The alliance between this court and that of Ruſſia, which expired ſome time ago, was renewed, and the treaty ſigned this day. *P.* &c.

Letters from Warſaw of the 14th inſt. ſay, that King Auguſtus has ſettled a penſion of 3000 crowns a month on the primate of Poland, in conſideration of his loſſes during the late troubles. *DP. DJ. DA. G*

There fell lately at Dreſden thunder on St. Anne's ſteeple, which killed ſeveral perſons, and among them a young woman who was come to be married. *DP. P.* —— Who came thither half an hour before her time. *DA. G.* A young man *DJ.*

A bombardier at Mantua, who had undertaken to nail up the greateſt part of the cannon and mortars, being diſcovered was quartered alive; his wife and daughter, who were privy to it, being obliged to ſee the execution, and afterwards baniſhed. *DP DA*

TUESDAY, *Aug.* 26. —— *Paris, Aug.* 31. According to our laſt letters from Italy, dated the 18th, the marſhal de Noailles has cauſed the garriſon of Mantua to be cloſely ſhut up, that nothing can go in or out of that place. *P.* &c.

Frankfort, Aug 28 The day before yeſterday, Prince Eugene arriv'd with the groſs of his army at Heidelberg. *DP. LP* —— Where the firſt column of Ruſſians, conſiſting of about 9000, was before arrived. *DJ. DA. LP.*

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